

## February Meeting

### *Friends, Romans, Countrymen, bring me your...problems?*

Problem solving starts with good problem identification and definition. Many business analysts are not included in the problem identification phase of a project and are brought in to deliver solutions. No matter the stage at which a BA joins a project some problem analysis should be performed. This puts the analyst in a position of knowledge and understanding of the project purpose.

Familiarity with the problem-solving process is key; understanding the relationship between analysis and the problem-solving process helps analysts to see just how critical the problem analysis phase is.

A view on how to tackle problem analysis is presented, together with some guidance on how to document impactful and meaningful problem statements. The relationships between problems, objectives and benefits is highlighted to enable understanding of the importance of the early, accurate definition of problems.

### **Presenter**

**Nadine Millner** (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/nadinethebusinessba>) is a Professional Business Analyst and a Certified Business Analysis Professional. She holds a Diploma in Business Analysis (Pass with Distinction). Nadine says "I have a passion for solving business problems through (computer) system agnostic thinking - once that is done, if necessary, we layer on the technology." Nadine is the current VP of Education for the IIBA Chicagoland Chapter.

### Date & Time

Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
5:30 – 8:00 pm

### Location

Allstate Willow North Plaza  
2775 Sanders Rd Building A  
Northbrook, IL 60062

### Meeting Agenda

5:30 - 6:00 Registration, Networking,  
and Light Dinner  
6:00 – 6:15 Announcements & Chapter  
Business  
6:15 – 7:30 Evening Presentation  
7:30 – 8:00 Closing and Door Prizes

## Elections 2020

Kris Slaboszewski and Marci Watts have been appointed as Co-Directors of Elections.

The following offices are up for election for a two-year term starting in April 2020 going through March 2022.

- President
- Vice Present of Marketing and Relationships
- Vice President of Finance

The election schedule is as follows:

**Now**—Nominations are open!

**February 28, 2020**—Nominations close

**March 1—March 31, 2020**—Vote!

**April 4, 2020**—Announcement of new officers

If you are interested in developing Leadership Skills and Learning or need to earn CDUs to keep your certification current, this is a great opportunity. Nominate yourself or someone else! Join our team and grow with our chapter.

More information is on our website [chicago.iiba.org](http://chicago.iiba.org)

If you have questions, ask at the meeting or contact [elections@chicago.iiba.org](mailto:elections@chicago.iiba.org)

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## Looking ahead: March Meeting

### *What is an Agile Dojo, and why should BAs care?*

The traditional "DoJo" is a hall or space dedicated to immersive learning or meditation. During this session, Business Agility Consultant Dan Miklusicak will share his personal experiences related to helping individuals and teams become more agile in the context of Dojo style learning and practicing. He will explain how the ideas from the "DoJo" approach used in Karate are emulated to establish Lean-Agile-DevOps DoJos in Corporate America to facilitate and accelerate transformation to the very different way of working, and away from traditional Project Management approaches.

Dan will discuss how BAs play a key role in Agile techniques like Journey mapping, visioning, design thinking, systems thinking, and more. He will also talk about how BA's are helping teams by playing the "Glue Role", bringing and keeping many different roles together to accomplish big things, and how sharpening these skills in the context of the DoJo makes everyone better.

### *Presenter*

**Dan Miklusicak** is a highly sought-after consultant/speaker/instructor & DevOps-Lean-Agilist with 25+ years in areas including Big5 Mgt Consulting, Prog Mgt, leading major F500 transformations & programs in traditional & Lean-Agile-DevOps. He has coached, taught, mentored thousands of Business & IT alike. A life-long learner, Dan's earned certs include SAFe Program Consultant [SPC5], DevOps, PMP, CDA, TOGAF, ITILv3, CSM, DSDM, e-Commerce, RTE & Lean6SigmaBB.

### Date & Time

Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
5:30 – 8:00 pm

### Location

AIM Specialty Health  
8600 W. Bryn Mawr Ave  
Chicago, IL 60631

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## IIBA Benefit: Career Resources

IIBA members have access to the Career Centre. Focus on your career objectives in a series of five steps with IIBA's Career Action Guide. Unlock your business analysis potential and grow your career; download IIBA's members-exclusive guide from the [iiba.org](http://iiba.org) site.

- Understand: the Business Analysis Competency Model
- Evaluate: your Business Analysis competencies
- Plan: set goals and determine how to accomplish them
- Act: take action and implement your plan
- Review: review your progress, re-assess and refine your plan

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## Many opportunities to get involved!

As a volunteer, you will be eligible to claim CDUs so you can keep your IIBA Certifications current. Talk to any officer or fill in your information on the evaluation form.

### *Be a part of the Core Team*

Join the Chicagoland Chapter Core Team. The Core Team works together to plan and deliver Chapter activities. We usually meet the third or fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, via a dial-in web meeting.

### *Twitter and Linked In*

We could use someone who wants to tweet and retweet on behalf of the Chicagoland Chapter. Topics would include chapter activities and sharing BA articles and news. For more information, contact Beth Weiss at [communication@chicago.iiba.org](mailto:communication@chicago.iiba.org)

### *Be an Ambassador*

The IIBA Chicagoland Chapter Ambassador Program is designed to improve chapter outreach by recruiting individuals willing to distribute chapter news and other valuable Business Analysis resources to their colleagues.

For more information, contact Greg Kulander at [programs@chicago.iiba.org](mailto:programs@chicago.iiba.org)

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